

**BEFORE THE  
DENTAL HYGIENE COMMITTEE OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

**STEPHEN PAUL BLONDIN  
4831 Jan Drive  
Carmichael, CA 95608**

**Registered Dental Hygienist License No.  
RDH 15407**

Respondent.

Case No. DHCC 2013-1

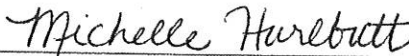
OAH No. 2013090897

**DECISION AND ORDER**

The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby adopted by the Dental Hygiene Committee of California, Department of Consumer Affairs, as its Decision in this matter.

This Decision shall become effective on June 11, 2014.

It is so ORDERED May 12, 2014.

  
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CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS

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**STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND**  
**DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

16 Respondent.

17 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties to the above-  
18 entitled proceedings that the following matters are true:

19 **PARTIES**

20 1. Lori Hubble ("Complainant") is the Executive Officer of the Dental Hygiene  
21 Committee of California. She brought this action solely in her official capacity and is represented  
22 in this matter by Kamala D. Harris, Attorney General of the State of California, by Kristina T.  
23 Jansen, Deputy Attorney General.

24 2. Respondent Stephen Paul Blondin ("Respondent") is representing himself in this  
25 proceeding and has chosen not to exercise his right to be represented by counsel.

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3. On or about August 10, 1992, the Dental Hygiene Committee of California issued Registered Dental Hygienist License No. RDH 15407 to Stephen Paul Blondin (Respondent). The Registered Dental Hygienist License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 03-2012-62 and will expire on January 31, 2014, unless renewed.

## JURISDICTION

4. Accusation No. 03-2012-62 was filed before the Dental Hygiene Committee of California (Committee) , Department of Consumer Affairs, and is currently pending against Respondent. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on September 19, 2013. Respondent timely filed his Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation.

5. A copy of Accusation No. 03-2012-62 is attached as exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

## ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

6. Respondent has carefully read, and understands the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 03-2012-62. Respondent has also carefully read, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order.

7. Respondent is fully aware of his legal rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to be represented by counsel at his own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against him; the right to present evidence and to testify on his own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.

8. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

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1 **CULPABILITY**

2 9. Respondent admits the truth of each and every charge and allegation in Accusation  
3 No. 03-2012-62.

4 10. Respondent agrees that his Registered Dental Hygienist License is subject to  
5 discipline and he agrees to be bound by the Committee's probationary terms as set forth in the  
6 Disciplinary Order below.

7 **CONTINGENCY**

8 11. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Dental Hygiene Committee of  
9 California. Respondent understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the  
10 Dental Hygiene Committee of California may communicate directly with the Committee  
11 regarding this stipulation and settlement, without notice to or participation by Respondent. By  
12 signing the stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that he may not withdraw his  
13 agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Committee considers and acts  
14 upon it. If the Committee fails to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated  
15 Settlement and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force or effect, except for this paragraph, it shall  
16 be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Committee shall not be  
17 disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.

18 12. The parties understand and agree that Portable Document Format (PDF) and facsimile  
19 copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, including Portable Document Format  
20 (PDF) and facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.

21 13. This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is intended by the parties to be an  
22 integrated writing representing the complete, final, and exclusive embodiment of their agreement.  
23 It supersedes any and all prior or contemporaneous agreements, understandings, discussions,  
24 negotiations, and commitments (written or oral). This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary  
25 Order may not be altered, amended, modified, supplemented, or otherwise changed except by a  
26 writing executed by an authorized representative of each of the parties.

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14. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that the Committee may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following Disciplinary Order:

## DISCIPLINARY ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Registered Dental Hygienist License No. RDH 15407 issued to Respondent Stephen Paul Blondin (Respondent) is revoked. However, the revocation is stayed and Respondent is placed on probation for three (3) years on the following terms and conditions.

1. OBEY ALL LAWS - Respondent shall obey all federal, state and local laws and all rules and regulations governing the practice of dental hygiene in California, and remain in full compliance with any court ordered criminal probation, payments and other requirements. A full and detailed account of all misdemeanor and felony arrests and convictions shall be reported by Respondent to the Committee in writing within seven (7) days of occurrence. To permit monitoring of compliance with this condition, Respondent shall submit a completed California Department of Justice state and federal Livescan fingerprint form, unless previously submitted as part of the licensure application process. Fingerprints shall be submitted within 15 calendar days of the effective date of the Decision and Order.

2. QUARTERLY REPORTS - Respondent shall submit quarterly reports signed under penalty of perjury stating whether there has been compliance with all the conditions of probation. Respondent shall submit a quarterly report no later than seven (7) calendar days from the beginning of the assigned quarter.

3. COMPLY WITH THE COMMITTEE'S PROBATION PROGRAM - Respondent shall fully comply with the conditions of probation established by the Committee and all requirements necessary to implement the conditions of probation. Respondent shall cooperate with the Committee in its monitoring and investigation of the Respondent's compliance with the conditions of probation. Respondent shall respond to all requests and inquiries from the Committee within the time period specified by the Committee. Upon successful compliance with the conditions of probation, and completion of the probation term, Respondent's license shall be

1 fully restored.

2 4. ADDRESS CHANGE, EMAIL CHANGE, NAME CHANGE, LICENSE STATUS -  
3 Respondent shall inform the Committee in writing within 15 calendar days of any change in his  
4 or her address of record, physical employment address, physical residence address, email address,  
5 and any legal name change. Respondent shall maintain an active, current license with the  
6 Committee, including while suspended from practice of dental hygiene unless otherwise specified  
7 by the disciplinary orders. Any misrepresentation by Respondent of his or her restricted license  
8 status to the public shall be a violation of the probation conditions.

9 5. MEETINGS AND INTERVIEWS - Respondent shall appear in person for meetings  
10 and shall be available by telephone for interviews as directed by the Committee.

11 6. STATUS OF RESIDENCY, PRACTICE, OR LICENSURE OUTSIDE OF STATE -  
12 In the event Respondent should leave California to reside or practice outside the state,  
13 Respondent must provide written notification to the Committee of the dates of departure and  
14 anticipated return to the state. Respondent's probation is tolled, if and when he or she ceases  
15 practicing in California. Period of practice outside of California will not apply to the reduction of  
16 the probationary period. Respondent shall provide a list of all states, United States territories, and  
17 elsewhere in the world where he or she has ever been licensed as a dentist or dental auxiliary or  
18 held any health-care related professional license or certificate. Respondent shall further provide  
19 information regarding the status of each license and certificate and any changes in the license or  
20 certificate status during the term of probation. Respondent shall inform the Committee if he or  
21 she applies for or obtains a dental or dental auxiliary license or certificate outside of California  
22 during the term of probation. For purposes of this condition, non-practice due to Committee  
23 ordered suspension or in compliance with any other condition of probation, shall not be  
24 considered a period of non-practice.

25 7. SUBMIT DOCUMENTATION - Upon request, Respondent shall submit  
26 documentation to the Committee including, but not limited to the following: Livescan forms,  
27 quarterly reports, authorization for release of confidential information. Such documentation shall  
28 be submitted under penalty of perjury, as required by the Committee. On a case-by-case basis,



documents shall be required to contain statements relative to Respondent's compliance with all the conditions of probation, and compliance with Committee instructions.

8. COST RECOVERY – Respondent is hereby ordered to reimburse the Committee the amount of \$2,585.00 within ninety (90) calendar days from the effective date of this decision for its investigative and prosecution costs up to the date of the hearing. Failure to reimburse the Committee's cost of its investigation and prosecution shall constitute a violation of the probationary order, unless the Committee or its designee agrees in writing to payment by an installment plan because of financial hardship. Any and all requests for a payment plan shall be submitted in writing by Respondent to the Committee. However, full payment of any and all costs required by this condition must be received by the Committee no later than one (1) year prior to the scheduled termination of probation. Periods of non-practice by Respondent shall not relieve Respondent of his or her obligation to reimburse the Committee for its costs.

9. PROBATION MONITORING COSTS: All costs incurred for probation monitoring during the entire probation shall be paid by the Respondent. The monthly cost may be adjusted as expenses are reduced or increased. Respondent's failure to comply with all terms and conditions may also cause this amount to be increased. All payments for costs are to be sent directly to the Committee and must be received by the dates specified. If Respondent is unable to submit costs for any month, he or she shall be required, instead to submit an explanation of why he or she is unable to submit the costs, and the dates he or she will be able to submit the costs including payment amounts. Supporting documentation and evidence of why the Respondent is unable to make such payments must accompany this submission. In addition to any other disciplinary action taken by the Committee, the probationary period will be extended.

10. LICENSE SURRENDER - If Respondent ceases practicing due to retirement, health reasons or is otherwise unable to satisfy the conditions of probation, Respondent may surrender his or her license to the Committee. The Committee shall evaluate Respondent's request and to exercise its discretion whether to grant the request; or to take any other action deemed appropriate and reasonable under the circumstances. Such surrender shall be accomplished through a written stipulated agreement, without the filing of an accusation or petition to revoke probation, and

1 without further hearing. Upon formal acceptance of the surrender, Respondent shall deliver his or  
2 her wallet and wall certificate to the Committee or its designee and Respondent shall no longer  
3 practice dental hygiene or be subject to the conditions of probation. Surrender of Respondent's  
4 license shall be considered a disciplinary action and shall become a part of Respondent's license  
5 history with the Committee. If Respondent re-applies for a dental hygiene license, the application  
6 shall be treated as a petition for reinstatement of a revoked license.

7 11. FUNCTION AS A LICENSEE – Respondent, during the period of probation, shall  
8 engage in the practice of dental hygiene in California for a minimum of sixteen (16) hours per  
9 week or sixty-four (64) hours per calendar month. For the purpose of compliance with this  
10 section, "engaged in the practice of dental hygiene" may include, when approved by the  
11 Committee, volunteer work in dental hygiene, or work in any non-direct patient position that  
12 requires licensure.

13 In the event Respondent should leave California to practice outside the state, Respondent  
14 must provide written notification to the Committee of the dates of departure and anticipated  
15 return to the state. Respondent's probation is tolled, if and when he or she ceases practicing in  
16 California. Periods of practice outside of California will not apply to the reduction of the  
17 probationary period. In the event Respondent ceases to practice a minimum of sixteen (16) hours  
18 per calendar week or sixty-four hours per calendar month in California, Respondent must provide  
19 written notification of that fact to the Committee. The period when the Respondent is not  
20 practicing, the minimum number of hours, will not apply to the reduction of the probationary  
21 period. Absence from practice shall not relieve the Respondent from maintaining a current license  
22 or from fulfilling all of the terms and conditions of probation. For purposes of this condition, non-  
23 practice due to Committee ordered suspension shall not be considered a period of non-practice. If  
24 Respondent stops practicing in California for a total of five (5) years, Respondent's license shall  
25 be automatically cancelled. If Respondent has not complied with this condition during the  
26 probationary term, and Respondent has presented sufficient documentation of his or her good  
27 faith efforts to comply with this condition, and if Respondent is in compliance with all other  
28 probation conditions, the Committee, in its sole discretion, may grant an extension of



Respondent's probation period up to one year without further hearing in order to comply with this condition. During the one year extension, all original conditions of probation shall apply unless they have been modified by the Committee via a petition for modification of probation.

12. CONTINUANCE OF PROBATIONARY TERM/COMPLETION OF PROBATION

- If Respondent violates the terms of this probation in any respect, the Committee, after giving Respondent notice and the opportunity to be heard, may set aside the stay order and impose the revocation of Respondent's license. If, during the period of probation, an accusation and/or a petition to revoke probation or both has been filed against Respondent's license or the Attorney General's Office has been requested to prepare an accusation and/or a petition to revoke probation or both against Respondent's license, the probationary period shall automatically be extended and shall not expire until the accusation and/or the petition to revoke probation has been acted upon by the Committee. Upon successful completion of probation, Respondent's license will be fully restored.

13. NOTIFICATION - Prior to engaging in the practice of dental hygiene, the Respondent shall provide a true copy of the Decision and Accusation to his or her employer, and at any other facility where Respondent engages in the practice of dental hygiene. Respondent shall submit proof of compliance to the Committee or its designee within 15 calendar days. This condition shall apply to any change(s) in place of employment.

14. PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION - Within 60 days of the effective date of this decision, and on a periodic basis thereafter as required by the Committee or its designee, Respondent shall undergo a psychological evaluation by a licensed psychiatrist or psychologist approved by the Committee. The psychiatrist or psychologist shall have been licensed for a minimum of five years and shall not have been subject to discipline by a regulatory agency. The evaluator shall furnish a detailed written report to the Committee regarding Respondent's judgment and ability to practice dental hygiene independently and safely and other information as the Committee may require. The cost of the evaluation shall be paid by Respondent. Respondent shall execute a Release of Information form authorizing the evaluator to release all information to the Committee. Respondent shall comply with all of the recommendations of the evaluator unless

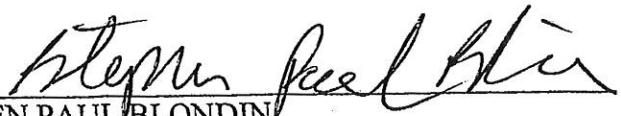
1 excused by the Committee in its sole discretion. This evaluation shall be confidential by the  
2 Committee and is not subject to discovery. Psychological evaluations conducted prior to the  
3 effective date of the Decision shall not be accepted towards the fulfillment of this requirement.

4 15. PSYCHOTHERAPY - Within 45 days of the effective date of this decision, or within  
5 45 days of a determination that psychotherapy is required, Respondent shall submit a proposed  
6 therapist and plan of therapy to be approved by the Committee. The cost of therapy shall be borne  
7 by Respondent. The plan of therapy shall include the nature of the treatment and its proposed  
8 duration. The psychotherapist shall agree to submit quarterly reports to the Committee regarding  
9 the progress and participation of Respondent. The treatment program shall not be terminated  
10 except upon Committee approval after submission of the results of the program by the  
11 psychotherapist. If there is a need for ongoing psychiatric psychological treatment, Respondent  
12 shall, within 30 days of the requirement notice, submit to the Committee for its prior approval the  
13 name and qualifications of a psychotherapist psychiatrist licensed mental health professional of  
14 Respondent's choice. If the psychological evaluation recommends that Respondent seek treatment  
15 from a specific type of mental health professional (e.g. psychiatrist, psychologist, licensed clinical  
16 social worker or marriage and family therapist), Respondent shall only submit for consideration  
17 those who meet that recommendation. Respondent shall undergo and continue psychotherapy  
18 until further notice from the Committee or its designee. Respondent shall have the treating  
19 psychotherapist mental health care professional submit quarterly status reports to the Committee  
20 or its designee indicating whether the Respondent is capable of practicing dental hygiene safely.

#### 21 ACCEPTANCE

22 I have carefully read the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order. I understand the  
23 stipulation and the effect it will have on my Registered Dental Hygienist License. I enter into this  
24 Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree  
25 to be bound by the Decision and Order of the Dental Hygiene Committee of California.

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27 DATED: 4-15-14

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STEPHEN PAUL BLONDIN  
Respondent

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